(*c*) a statement, by caste, of the persons newly recruited to the Account Office during 1114 showing their scale of pay and their present pay?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) *The statements required by the member are placed on the table.

(*c*) Only one person, excepting menials, has been recruited for appointment this year. He is a Jacobite Christian and has been appointed as an attender in the scale of Rs. 15-1/3-20. He is now in receipt of a salary of Rs. 15 per mensem.

A statement of appointments directly made by Government is also placed on the table.

Promotions in the Account Office.

109. ❋ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the practice of giving appointments and promotions in the Account Office in the proportion of one under-graduate to three graduates has been changed and the proportion of two under-graduates to three graduates has been adopted; if so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the G. O. sanctioning that change;

(*b*) if such a change has been effected, whether it is in the Account Office alone; and if not, in what all departments; and

(*c*) if such a change has been effected in the Account Office alone, the special reasons for that?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI. (*a*) It is only promotions and not appointments that have been regulated in the proportion of 1 undergraduate to 3 graduates. This rule has not been changed. But a concession has been allowed to the undergraduate auditors of the Account Office who had, on the date of the issue of orders, completed not less than 20 years' service in the Accounts Department for purposes of promotion to the Rs. 75-100 grade and 15 years for the Rs. 40-70 grade. Under this concession, the proportion has been fixed at 3 graduates for every 2 undergraduates for promotion to the Rs. 75-100 grade and 2 graduates for every undergraduate for promotion to the Rs. 40-70 grade.

† A copy of the G. O. is placed on the table.

(*b*) The concession has been allowed only in the Accounts Department.

(*c*) The reason for restricting this concession to the Accounts Department is that, among other things, graduates and undergraduates are entrusted, more or less, with the same kind of work in the Account Office. Moreover, there are in the Account Office at present a few undergraduate auditors who by long service have deserved special treatment. Undergraduates are not now being recruited to the Account Office, so that when the few existing undergraduates have retired from service the above proportion will automatically vanish in that office.

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* *Vide* Appendix II *a*, *b* and *c* pages, 433, 434 and 435.

†*Vide* Appendix III page 436.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഗ്രാഡ്വേറ്റ്സിനും അണ്ടർ ഗ്രാഡ്വേറ്റ്സിനും അക്കൌണ്ടാഫീസിൽ ഒരേ ജോലിയാണെന്നു പറയുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ശമ്പളക്കൂടുതൽ കൊടുത്തു ബി. എ. ക്കാരെ നിയമിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമെന്താണ് ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The appointment of graduates does not involve any additional expenditure. There is a schedule of scales of pay sanctioned for every department and the appointments, whether it be of a graduate or an undergraduate, will only be in accordance with the sanctioned scale.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*) : ഇപ്പോൾ ബി. എ. ക്കാരായി അക്കൌണ്ടാഫീസിൽ എത്രപേരുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I am not in possession of those figures.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അവരുടെ കാസ്റ്റ്വാർ സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറ് എങ്ങിനെ എന്നു പറയാമോ ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The caste war statement is not at present available. I shall prepare it if the member asks for it next time.

Admission to the tunnel area at Pallivasal.

110. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether persons are freely admitted to the tunnel area and the area adjacent to it, of the Pallivasal Hydro-electric Scheme ;

(*b*) whether gates or guards have been provided for preventing the entry of any one ; and

(*c*) whether any one of the visitors to the tunnel during Medom 1114, fell into the well of the tunnel and died ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. One died.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : With reference to part (*c*) may I know how the person died ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : One man who was employed as contractor in the tunnel work for some time happened to go up to the surge chamber. He went there without any light. Unfortunately he shipped and fell down the surge shaft. It is over 50 ft. deep. As soon as the accident happened he was removed to the Hospital. He succumbed in the end.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether there is any provision for keeping out the visitors from visiting that area ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Visitors are not allowed to enter the tunnel area.

PRESIDENT : Has any step been taken afterwards to prevent people from entering the tunnel area ?

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Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No 109.

Huzur Cutcherry,

No. Fl. 3036.

Trivandrum, 25th April 1939.

From

The Financial Secretary to Government.

To

The Accountant General.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your proposals as well as those of your predecessors in office for giving better chances to the undergraduate auditors of your office in the matter of promotions having been carefully considered by Government, they have been pleased to issue the following orders in modification of those contained in G. O. R. O. C. No. 680/35/1/Gl., dated 16th April 1935.

1. *Rs.* 100-125. The present complete exclusion of under-graduates from the scale of Rs. 100-125 is withdrawn in the case of very efficient auditors, it being specially noted that only in *very exceptional cases* should undergraduates be promoted to the Rs. 100-125 grade.

2. *Rs* 75-100. The existing proportion of 3 : 1 between graduates and undergraduates in the matter of promotions to the Rs. 75-100 grade will be replaced by a proportion of 3 gradutaes for every 2 undergraduates. The restriction in para 10 of the standardisation general G. O. that the total number of undergraduates in the Rs. 75-100 grade shall not exceed 25 percent of the sanctioned strength is also withdrawn.

3. *Rs.* 40-70. The ratio between graduates and undergraduates for promotion to Rs. 40-70 grade may be fixed at 2 graduates for every undergraduate in lieu of the existing ratio of 3 :1.

The concessions allowed as above to undergraduates for promotion to the Rs. 75-100 grade will apply only to those who, on the date of these orders, have completed not less than 20 years' service in the Accounts Department and for promotion to the Rs. 40-70 grade to those who have similarly completed a service of not less than 15 year's service.

The above orders are issued in view of the fact that both graduate and undergraduate auditors do more or less the same kind of work in your office. These orders cannot, therefore, be quoted as a precedent by any other department.

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Sd.—M. GOVINDA PILLAI,

Financial Secretary to Government.

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